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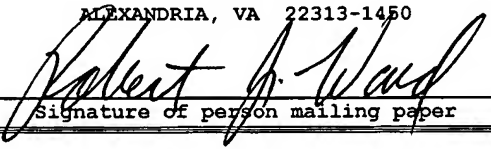
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 24, 2005**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 24, 2005 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time allows Applicant until July 24, 2005 to file a response.

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As such, Applicant submits that this Amendment and Response is timely filed, and respectfully requests entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3, the **Remarks** begin on page 10, and the **Conclusion** begins on page 13 of this paper.